



VISION STATEMENT:
"The Magic City: A diverse,
welcoming community
where people prosper and
business succeeds."

WORK SESSION SUMMARY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
220 N. 27th St.

July 17, 2023

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

Present: Councilmember Kendra Shaw, Ward I
Councilmember Gulick, Ward I
Councilmember Jennifer Owen, Ward II
Councilmember Denise Joy, Ward III
Councilmember Danny Choriki, Ward III
Councilmember Daniel Tidswell, Ward IV
Councilmember Pam Purinton, Ward IV
Councilmember Mike Boyett, Ward V
Councilmember Tom Rupsis, Ward V
Mayor William Cole

Absent/
Excused: Councilmember Neese, Ward II

Staff
Present: Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator
Gina Dahl, City Attorney
Debi Meling, Public Works Director
Sarah Plath, Public Works Engineer
Nate West, Police Sergeant
Katy Nash, Police Officer, Domestic Violence Investigator (DVI)
Ellie Stanton, AmeriCorp VISTA

Gina Dahl gave a brief overview of public litigation items.

Public Comment:

- Wesley Dunn, 832 Dorothy Lane, Billings, Montana, spoke of concerns with the City's water situation.
- Amber Dunn, 832 Dorothy Lane, Billings, Montana, spoke of the Parks bond and ongoing issues on Dorothy Lane.

1. Downtown 2-way restoration, 30% design update.

Debi Meling, Public Works Director, introduced the people involved.

Mehmet Casey, Downtown Billings Partnership, gave an overview of reasons for converting to 2-way streets, 2-way project goals, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, and 2-way street background. Sarah Plath, Public Works Engineer, reviewed the balancing act with parking, bike improvements, traffic calming, congestion, maintenance, and costs. She spoke of is going

She explained existing and proposed bike connectivity, and cycle tracks. She also gave an overview of proposed angle parking areas and project outreach.

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

The following constituents spoke in favor:

- Marguerite Jodry, 414 S. 33rd St., Billings, Montana
- Sarah Keller, Laredo Place, Billings, Montana
- Henry Jagodzinski, 580 58th St. W., Billings, Montana
- Kristi Drake, TrailNet, Billings, Montana
- Daniel Brooks, 815 S. 27th St., Billings, Montana
- Morgan Tuss, TrailNet, Billings, Montana
- Sherry Daly, Montana Vintage Clothing
- Earl Herman, 514 N. 32nd St., Billings, Montana, no concerns except 2-way conversion on N. 32nd St.

2. Family Violence Education.

Officer Katie Nash, Domestic Violence Investigator

Ellie Stanton,

AmeriCorp VISTA,

Public Comment:

- None

Break at 7:43 PM

Reconvene at 7:50 PM

3. CPTED Principle and Strategies.

Sergeant Nate West

General Council questions and discussion.

Public Comment:

- Daniel Brooks – CPTED Supporter

4. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Bond Resolution.

Gina Dahl, City Attorney

Public Comment:

- None

5. Highlight Upcoming Agenda Items of Council Interest.

Kevin Iffland, Assistant City Administrator, gave a brief overview of upcoming Council agenda topics.

Public Comment:

- None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT on "NON-AGENDA ITEMS". Speaker Sign-in required. *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes or as set by the Mayor. Please sign theroster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

- None
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ADJOURN: 8:55 PM